

From: [Mcphaden, Megan](#)
To: [Gockel, Catherine](#)
Subject: Re: Thank you!
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Catherine,

You are so generous with your time and consideration-- thank you so much for all of these great ideas! I am going to talk with my supervisor about this, but it might be awhile until I get back in touch with you. I do not anticipate being able to start my detail until August at least. There is a ton of interesting and exciting work at Region 10-- I greatly appreciate your insider perspective.

Hope you are having a good week, and Happy Friday!
Megan

On Fri, Mar 7, 2014 at 10:13 AM, Gockel, Catherine <Gockel.Catherine@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi there,

So nice to talk to you, too! I'm happy to talk more or to help connect you with staff/managers. You have my number ☺

But yeah, there are tons of opportunities for leadership here at EPA. We just need competent people with energy to take projects and run with them! And if it's a short time period you would want to have a clearly defined project so you could hit the ground running.

Ashley Zanolli is another person who's doing interesting work. She does climate change life cycle analysis work (cradle to grave and waste reduction) for products and I think she leads the West Coast Climate Forum. That's mostly with external partners. They are doing very exciting work and she has lots of energy.

Mike Cox is Region 10's climate change coordinator. He was talking with me a couple months ago about how it would be great to have some help with some initiatives.

And oil and gas is hot. Hanh Shaw, Erin Seyfried, and Cindi Godsey are the technical leads for that. Mike Lidgard is all of our supervisor. He's a very nice guy. Rick Cool is the enforcement person. Another interesting enforcement person is Anne Dalrymple, Region 10's enforcement coordinator. She does really interesting work.

Calvin Terada leads our emergency response team. Our on-scene coordinators help respond to spills and releases. That might be interesting to you, although I think there's a big training process to become an on-scene coordinator.

And we really do need to make some progress on emerging contaminants in wastewater. I led a series of workgroups about PBDEs in Puget Sound... but that is just one flame retardant and there are so many chemicals out there.

<http://www.eopugetsound.org/articles/report-potential-effects-pbdes-puget-sound-and-southern-resident-killer-whales>

Again, I know all of these people so just let me know if you want me to facilitate some introductions. People are always glad for free and competent help! And your BSEE experience makes you interesting ☺ Sorry if this is too much information.

Happy Friday,

Catherine

From: Mcphaden, Megan [mailto:megan.mcphaden@bsee.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 9:59 AM
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Catherine,

It was great chatting with you yesterday. Thank you so much for taking the time to share your perspectives on some of the offices at EPA Region 10, and for filling me in a little bit more on the interesting work that you do. I'm going to ruminate over all of the information you shared with me, and check in with my supervisor about the logistics of a detail. I would love to have the opportunity to see what it is like to work for EPA, and there are so many offices that are interesting to me which makes it very exciting to think about potential opportunities. Thank you so much for your support, and for your enthusiasm for what you do!

Cheers,

Megan

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